



2021 UPDATE, WEEKS #28-34

LOOKING TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS...

A note from the Vicar: At the time of writing, it is still not clear exactly what form the national guidelines will take. We are aware, however, that many people will continue to be cautious in light of the likely significant increase in infections and potential hospitalisations. This will not be an easy time to negotiate, with a variety of different expectations!

In Philippians 2, we read: *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind amongst yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant..."* (2.4-7a). Might that be true of us as a church over the coming weeks: looking to the interests of others, being willing to give up our rights for the sake of others, and being willing to serve like Christ (whatever the cost). May the mind of Christ our Saviour, live in us from day to day!

As such, please can we ask for your help. **Until further notice, please continue to:**

- **... register in advance for Sunday services.** As things stand, the PCC still has obligations towards 'Test and Trace', which is why we need people to pre-register. We apologise for the inconvenience, but it remains a requirement. While the Parish Office is closed over the summer, you can register via our website www.stpeterscolchester.org (under Service Booking), or by contacting Richard Lawn on 07794 004 972.
- **... bring a mask to wear in church.** Many public spaces are continuing with this requirement, and for now so too are we. The stewards on the door will be able to let you know the latest guidelines as you arrive in church on Sunday.
- **... take care to keep a careful distance from others.** Different people have different understandings of what is safe and appropriate, so please take care to keep a careful distance from others, as a way of respecting their interests.

As the situation develops over the coming weeks, we will do our best to keep the situation under review. As and when this gives us the opportunity to change these arrangements, we will do our best to keep people informed. Thank you.

PASTORAL COVER AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE SUMMER

Please note that the Vicar (Mark), the Churchwardens (Matt and Anne), the Children's & Youth Worker and Acting Pastoral Care Worker (Lizzie) and the Administrator (Bernice) will be away on holiday at various stages over the summer. Please therefore take note of the following contact details:

- Revd Mark Wallace — 01206 572641 or towncentrevicar@gmail.com
- Dr Matt Cox — 07826 361 316 or matjcox@msn.com
- Mrs Anne Kavanagh — 07544 391882 or gannanne@gmail.com
- Mrs Lizzie Wallace — 07540 261948 or lizziewallace.private@gmail.com
- registration for Sunday services should be through Mr Richard Lawn — 07794 004 972

If you are unable to get hold of someone particular, please feel free to try someone else on the list.

Please note that this *Update* (weeks #28-34) will cover the summer holiday period (from mid-July until late-August).

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 18th July

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)

Tuesday 20th July

- 12noon — **Picnic in the Park** (meet at the bandstand)

Wednesday 21st July

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 22nd July

- 4:00pm — **Spark in the Garden** (at the Vicarage)

Friday 23rd July

- 7:30pm — **421 Youth Group** (in the John Owen Barn, Fordham)

Saturday 24th July

- 2:00pm — **Church Social Walk** (meet at the Jumbo tower)

Sunday 25th July

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
- 11:00am — **Coffee served in the Vicarage Garden**

Wednesday 28th July

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 29th July

- 2:00pm — **Coffee & Cake at the Vicarage** (in the Vicarage Garden)

Sunday 1st August

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
- 11:00am — **'Bring Your Own Coffee' in the Vicarage Garden**

Wednesday 4th August

- 2:00pm — **Afternoon Coffee** (at Chappells cafe, opposite the church)
- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Sunday 8th August

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
- 11:00am — **'Bring Your Own Coffee' in the Vicarage Garden**

Tuesday 10th August

- 10:00am — **Morning Coffee** (at The George, High Street)

Wednesday 11th August

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Sunday 15th August

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
- 11:00am — **'Bring Your Own Coffee' in the Vicarage Garden**

Tuesday 17th August

- 2:00pm — **Afternoon Coffee** (at The George, High Street)

Wednesday 18th August

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Sunday 22nd August

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
- 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
- 11:00am — **'Bring Your Own Coffee' in the Vicarage Garden**

Monday 23rd August

- 7:30pm — **Youth Team Meeting** (venue tbc)

Tuesday 24th August

- 10:00am — **Morning Coffee** (at The George, High Street)

Wednesday 25th August

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 26th August

- all day — **Contagious Lite Youth Camp**

Friday 27th August

- all day — **Contagious Lite Youth Camp**

Saturday 28th August

- timings to be confirmed — **"The Big Clean"** (in St Peter's Church Hall)

Sunday 29th August

- 10:00am — **Summer Programme ON-LINE Service** (via www.facebook.com/stpeterscolchester)
 - 10:00am — **Summer Programme IN-CHURCH Service** (in St Peter's, registration required)
 - 11:00am — **Coffee served in the Vicarage Garden**
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